(b) the area that is actually irrigated under this tank at present;

(c) whether any representation by the people of Chitradurga District to take up the question of diversion of waters of Yagachi river in Hassan District near Belur into Vedavathi Valley and thus augment the resources of Vani Vilas Sagar Tank;

(d) the steps they have taken to implement the above scheme;

(e) whether they are aware that there is a possibility of generating power in this project and that it was provided in the original project Plan?

A.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

(a) 30.00 T. M. Cft.
(b) About 20,000 acres.
(c) Yes.
(d) The Scheme is under preliminary investigation.
(e) Yes.

Number of students who have passed the Diploma examinations in Civil Engineering from the several Polytechnics in the State since 1960.

Q.—299. Sri GANJI VEERAPPA (Harihar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of students that have passed the Diploma examinations in Civil Engineering from the several Polytechnic Institutions in the State during 1960-61, 1961-62 and 1962-63;

(b) the number of such Diploma holders that are employed in State Services;

(c) the concrete measures they intend to take to solve unemployment among these Diploma holders?

A.—Sri S. R. KANTHI (Minister for Education).—

(a) The number of students who passed the Diploma Examination in Civil Engineering is as under:—

1960-61	1961-62	1962-63
929	1,068	680 (Results of Supplementary Examinations of 1962-63 are still to be announced).

(b) 521 (from 1960-61 to 1962-63)

(c) The question is under active consideration of Government. In the meantime intake to Civil Engineering Diploma Course has been reduced from 60 to 40 in various Polytechnics. The Diploma holders

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will be encouraged to seek employment outside the State as well as in the Armed forces. The Diploma is now recognised as a qualification for Commission in the Armed Forces.

Closing of the Kolar Gold Fields and Hutti Gold Mines in the State.

Q.—300. Sri GANJI VEERAPPA (Harihar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that the Central Government has taken a decision to close the Kolar Gold Fields (K. G. F.) as well as the Hutti Gold Mines in the State ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that a large number of employees in these Gold Mines will be thrown out of employment ?

A.—Sri K. MALLAPPA (Minister for Industries and Commerce).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Scarcity conditions prevailing in Chitradurga District during the current year.

Q.— 304. Sri GANJI VEERAPPA (Harihar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that due to failure of rains in Chitradurga District acute scarcity conditions are prevailing during the current year ;

(*b*) whether any relief measures have been undertaken by Government to help the suffering people ; and if so, what are the measures taken so far in this regard ;

(*c*) whether they have decided to suspend or remit the collection of land revenue in Chitradurga District during the current year as one of the measures ?

A.—Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) The seasonal conditions are not bad in all the Taluks. The Taluks of Chitradurga, Challekere, Hiriyur and some parts of Davanagere, Holalkere and Hosadurga are affected due to failure of rains during the current year.

(*b*) As a measure of immediate relief, construction of Gokattes, etc., in these taluks has been ordered to be taken up for execution. Takavi and Land Improvement Loans are also given to the needy people wherever necessary.

(*c*) Such a contingency has not arisen so far.